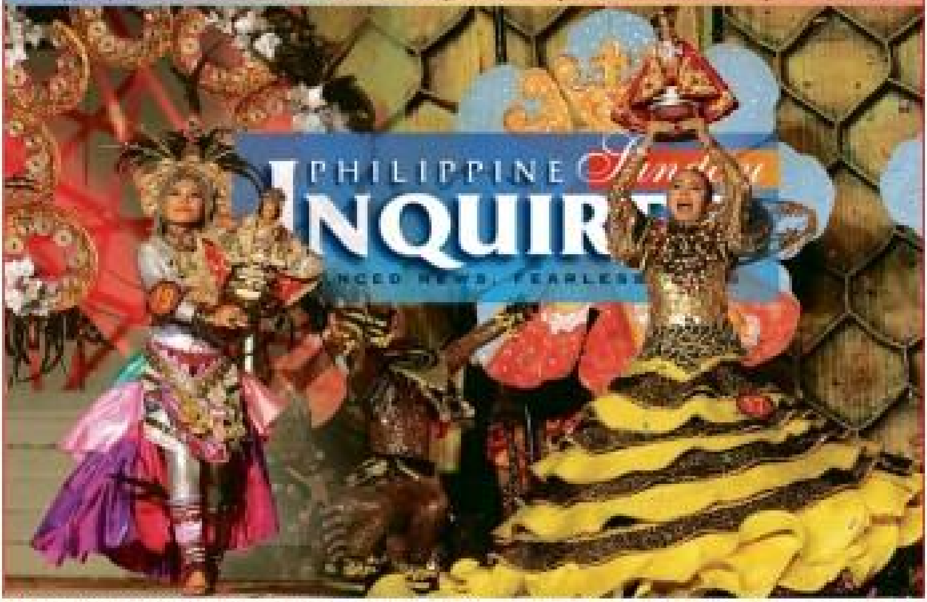
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DANCING HOMAGE TO THE HOLY CHILD

Brillantes to Comelec

Poll lawyer picked as Melo quits in advance

PRESIDENT Aquino has picked veteran election lawyer Sixto Brillantes as the new chair of the Commission on Elections.

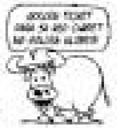
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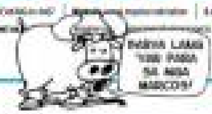
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Sinulog: Why Pinoys are dancing, singing devotees of the Child Jesus

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$7.5 MILLION AWARD

CHR to handle Marcos claims

By Kristine L. Alave

THE ACTUAL number of claimants that stand to gain from the payout from a class-action suit against the Marcoses may be more than the 7,526 on the official list, Commission on Human Rights (CHR) chair Loretta Ann "Etta" Rosales said.

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More than a month

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Hunt for Guyito gets wilder starting today

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Brillantes named Comelec chair

Best choice

Ad interim appointment

Distinguished record

French nun's …

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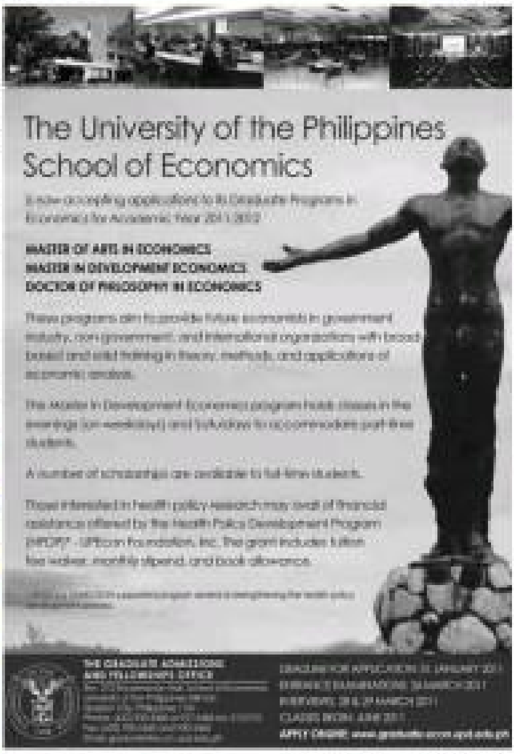
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AFP offers help to ailing top rebel









Erap son giving Noynoy a year to prove himself

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House leaders seek probe of nursing OJT

HOUSE leaders yesterday called for an investigation into the pernicious practice of levying fees on registered nurses seeking on-the-job training with hospitals and medical institutions.

"Why should nurses be treated this way? This is an immoral and unacceptable practice, if indeed this is true," said House Assistant Majority Leader Karlo Alexei Nograles.

Nograles said that while Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz has stated that the practice does not violate any labor laws, it is against declared public policy, public morals and the Civil Code.

He noted that on-the-job trainees (OJTs) in other fields or professions do not pay the company or employers for the experience and are even given food and financial assistance.

Hospitals and medical institutions should be giving these nurses stipends for rendering service and not the other way around, he said.

He said he supported the initiative of Health Secretary Enrique Ona to [illegible] investigate this practice.

The cardinal principle is that no person can take undue advantage of another, Nograles said.

He said the Civil Code, whose Articles 21, 24 and 28 provide for protection against oppressive or unfair practices, should be used to run after these hospitals and medical institutions.

"It is the obligation of the state to correct this practice of hospitals and other medical institutions which is in effect, taking advantage of our nurses who are in desperate need of work experience," Nograles said.

Iloilo Rep. Jerry Treñas, chair of the committee on good government and public accountability said Congress should step in and investigate so it can pass a law that would prohibit the practice of charging such fees.

Treñas believes the medical institutions involved in this practice were those that have their own medical schools.

"We now have so many hospitals which also run their own nursing and medical schools so they are really raking in a lot of money because they have a labor force which even pays just to be able to work. [illegible] to put a stop to this kind of practice," he said.

Treñas also called on the Commission on Higher Education to look into the nursing schools and to stop issuing permits to those that have consistently shown a poor passing record in the nursing board exams.

"We now have too many nurses who end up in call centers. I think that the CHEd should now regulate the number of our nursing students," he said. —[illegible]



AN APPEAL TO PRESIDENT BENIGNO SIMEON C. AQUINO III

For more than year now, congestion has been a persistent problem at the South Harbor and Manila International Container Terminal (MICT). By the turn of the year 2011, the condition never improved. Instead, it worsened. It became more apparent with the delay of delivery of shipments intended for the holiday season. Vessels cannot unload shipment on time for scarcity of space in the container yard.

The importer, freight forwarder, trucker, broker and other stockholder's predicament is but a situation brought about by the storage of empty container vans at the South Harbor and MICT which were previously stored in private container yards. Plain as it may sound but it bears several implications on the release of shipment and cargoes.

Despite the inconvenience and loss incurred by importers, freight forwarders, truckers, brokers and other stakeholders caused by port congestion, charges, surcharges and penalties areunilaterally imposed upon and arbitrarily collected from them, that is, without consultation and hearing. Port operation and management is impressed with public service. Port users cannot be left at the mercy of port operators and shipping lines which are one in coming up with the charges of different names for the overlapping if not the same purpose such as storage, detention, electrical consumption for refrigerated cargoes, terminal handling, container deposit, container imbalance, port congestion surcharge, to name a few. One can be charged for failure to return a container van on time, which failure is due to lack of space in the container yard.

Port users can only wonder if the congestion is a result of inefficiency in management by the port operators? Or a scheme to generate more i ncome in the guise of charges, surcharges and penalties? Is this not an artificial problem created solely for business end?

Whatever may be the obvious answer, one thing is clear. Despite the imposition of various charges, the problem of congestion remains.

At any rate, port users are not the singled out in the arena. Since the prevailing value of goods is the transaction value, the burden is ultimately passed on to consumers. In short, the cost of charges are added to the value of imported goods, whether raw materials of finished products.

It has far reaching effect in the economy of the country. Delay in the release of shipment and cargoes results in delay in the collection of revenue. Unloading of cargoes in other ports eventually results to loss of revenue. Cancellation of orders not only creates bad image to the international community but more importantly, loss of opportunity to do business locally, loss of employment and loss of income by people who depend on import-related business and activities.

Port users are rendered helpless in the present system of management and operation by port operators coupled by the dominance of shipping lines. There is no clear solution from the Philippines Ports Authority despite of several invitations to ventilate the issue concerned.

Mr. President, we are left with no recourse but to implore assistance. We echo our grievance in this medium in the hope that port congestion will be put to an end.

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Across the NATION

Sierra Madre folk doubt logging ban

LUCENA CITY—Natives of a mountain range being ravaged by logging expressed doubt President Aquino's plan to order a logging ban would succeed, saying they had heard the same promise over and over but logging continued.



Comelec exec: Biliran poll fraud claim is an insult

Con men try to feed on misery of Cotabato kidnap victim's kin

E-jeeps make debut in ARMM campaign to tap 'green' technology

Town pays homage to veggies, 'talong'

HOMETOWN *Snapshots*



INQUIRER Mindanao

Editor Joe Nambayrat
Davao Chief Nico A. Alconaba

A war for the people's hearts, minds

By Jeffrey M. Tupas
Davao City

FOR THE Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Davao Region is now the country's epicenter of the communist-led revolution.

At least 800 of the almost 5,000 members of the New People's Army (NPA), the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) nationwide are moving about in the hinterlands of Davao, according to a document provided by the AFP Eastern Mindanao Command's 10th Infantry Division.

They are operating in 11 of the 20 guerrilla fronts found in Mindanao, it said.

This rising strength is the reason the region of Southern Mindanao is identified as a "national priority" in the government's plan to whittle down the communist movement to an insignificant force.

Maj. Gen. Jorge Segovia knows how to carry out the task of six years of working in Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon and other provinces in Southern Tagalog and Central Luzon.

"I have cleared Cavite, Romblon and Marinduque [of communists]. These are provinces which are now ready to be handed over to the local government. Our remedy to these areas has been successful but there are other necessity approaches as used by other officials," Segovia said.

Human rights groups have blamed the officer for the arrest and torture of 43 health workers, collectively referred to as "Morong 43" in a resort in Morong town in Rizal last year. The detainees were freed in December.



Maj. Gen. Jorge Segovia, commander of the 10th Infantry Division of the military's Eastern Mindanao command in Davao City, explains the war for people support against an insurgency that never dies.

Counterinsurgency plan

Segovia, the new commander of the 10th ID, recently briefed the Inquirer about the Philippine Army's plans for the Davao Region. The discussion revolved around the implementation of the AFP's Internal Peace and Security Plan (IPSP) or Oplan Bayanihan.

The IPSP replaced Oplan Bantay Laya I and II, the counterinsurgency program largely cited in charges of torture, abductions and murder of activists and suspected rebels and sympathizers.

In Davao, it is fleshed out through the Peace and Development Outreach Program (PDOP), which has been implemented since August.

"Davao is a priority because it has the highest number of fronts of NPA and affected villages," Segovia said. He described the results as "very encouraging," pointing out at least 50 rebels who have already surrendered.

"Because of our outreach programs, many rebels are neighborhoods and are returning to the government fold. Doing these outreach programs is one major aspect in clearing the communities," he said.

Civic projects

Instead of carrying firearms and engaging the NPA, the soldiers are building roads, drinking wells and schools, or rendering dental and other medical-related services.

"Sure these are not supposed to be the function or responsibility of the soldiers, but we are delivering all these in partnership with other agencies, not only from the government sector, but also from private entities," Segovia said.

"These agencies seek our assistance ... we are facilitating," he added.

The Army, according to him, is taking Davao seriously because of the region's significance in Mindanao.

"Davao is a tourism, agriculture and investment hub of Mindanao. Who will continue to invest and get interested to invest if their businesses are not protected from the communist movement?" Segovia said.

"The Army is here to protect them from being attacked ... from the extortion activities of the NPA," he said.

Asked whether the PDOP really aims to weaken the rebellion more than bringing development to depressed areas, Segovia said: "It is a service program based on the premise that we cannot have development unless there is security problem."

Doubts linger

This is why human rights workers have doubts over Oplan Bayanihan.

In a forum recently, lawyer Carlos Isagani Zarate, one of the convenors of the human rights watchdog Barug Katungod Mindanao, said the character of the program could only be doubted by the delivery of services and projects that would later spark conflict among the people in the community.

"These projects will only breed hatred and conflict the members of the recipient communities. And planting conflict between and among the members of the community is really the objective of the program," Zarate said.

"It will make the business of quelling rebellion easier for the military," he said.

The military formula is simple: Soldiers, called peace and development teams (PDTs), "will be sent to target communities, immerse with the people and win their hearts, and provide what are supposed to be 'deliverables' that government agencies failed to do.

They must strictly follow the ban on smoking, liquor, gambling or cussing and be trained by local women—something that are potentially disastrous to the PDOP.

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Lt. Col. Eduardo de Leon, operations chief of the 10th ID, said the peace teams, despite being exposed as NPA targets, are gaining ground in the communities. The people no longer fear them and are starting to consider them allies, if not friends, he said.

"The usual military presence is already a welcome event. It is beginning to mean something positive because for the people, when they see military men roaming around their communities, it means the entry of development projects," De Leon said.

Segovia said: "There are risks and those are risks that we are willing to take. We are talking here of more than 200 villages but what keeps the soldiers, the teams, from going is the feeling that they are accepted and welcomed and protected by the communities."

The death of three soldiers in a recent NPA ambush in Barangay Mapula in Tagum City is one of the risks.

Real development

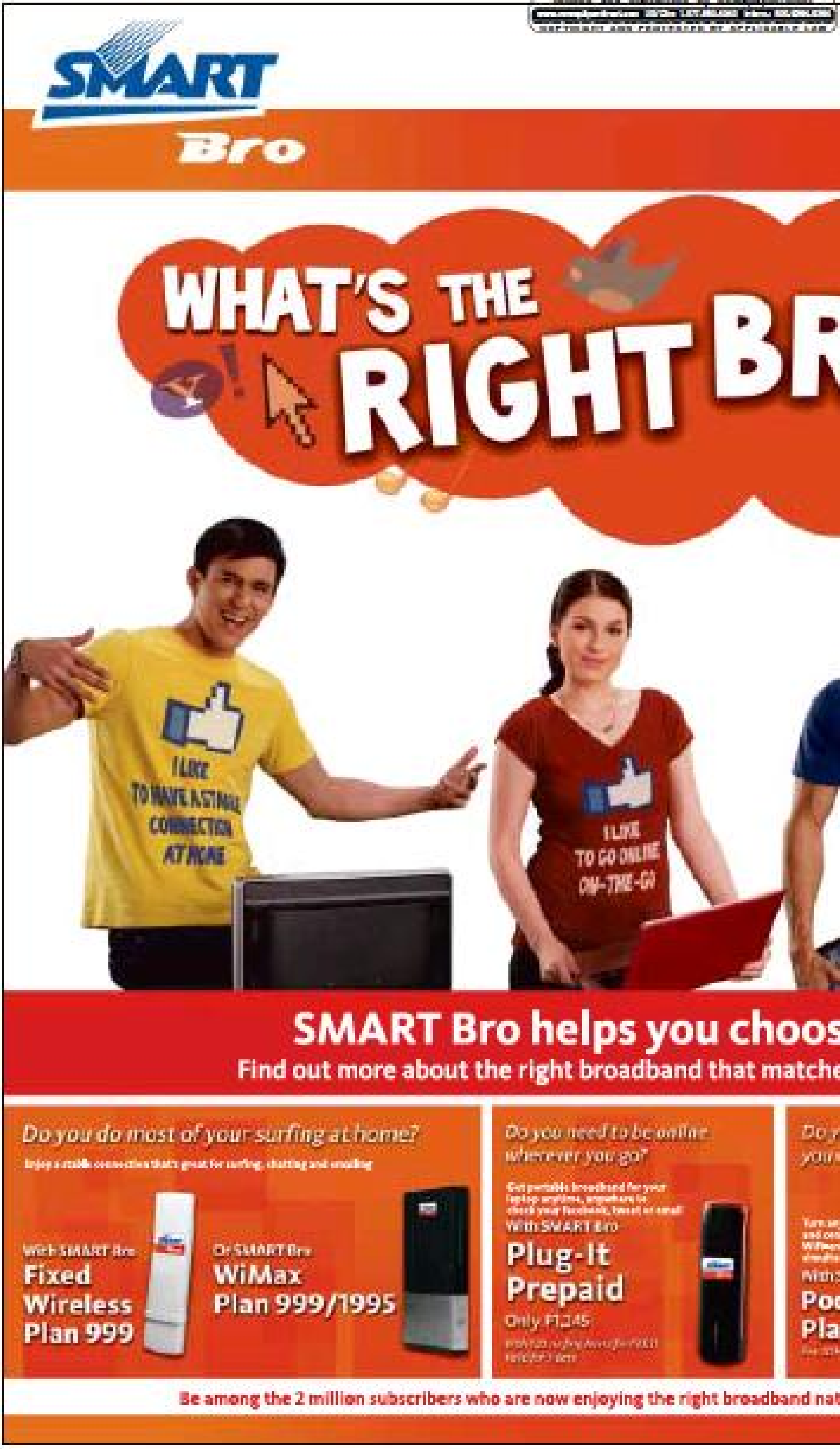
Zarate, who is also the secretary general of the Union of Peoples Lawyers in Mindanao (UPLM), found it hard to believe that the soldiers would never resort to intimidation, harassment or abuse in the communities that show resistance to the PDOP.

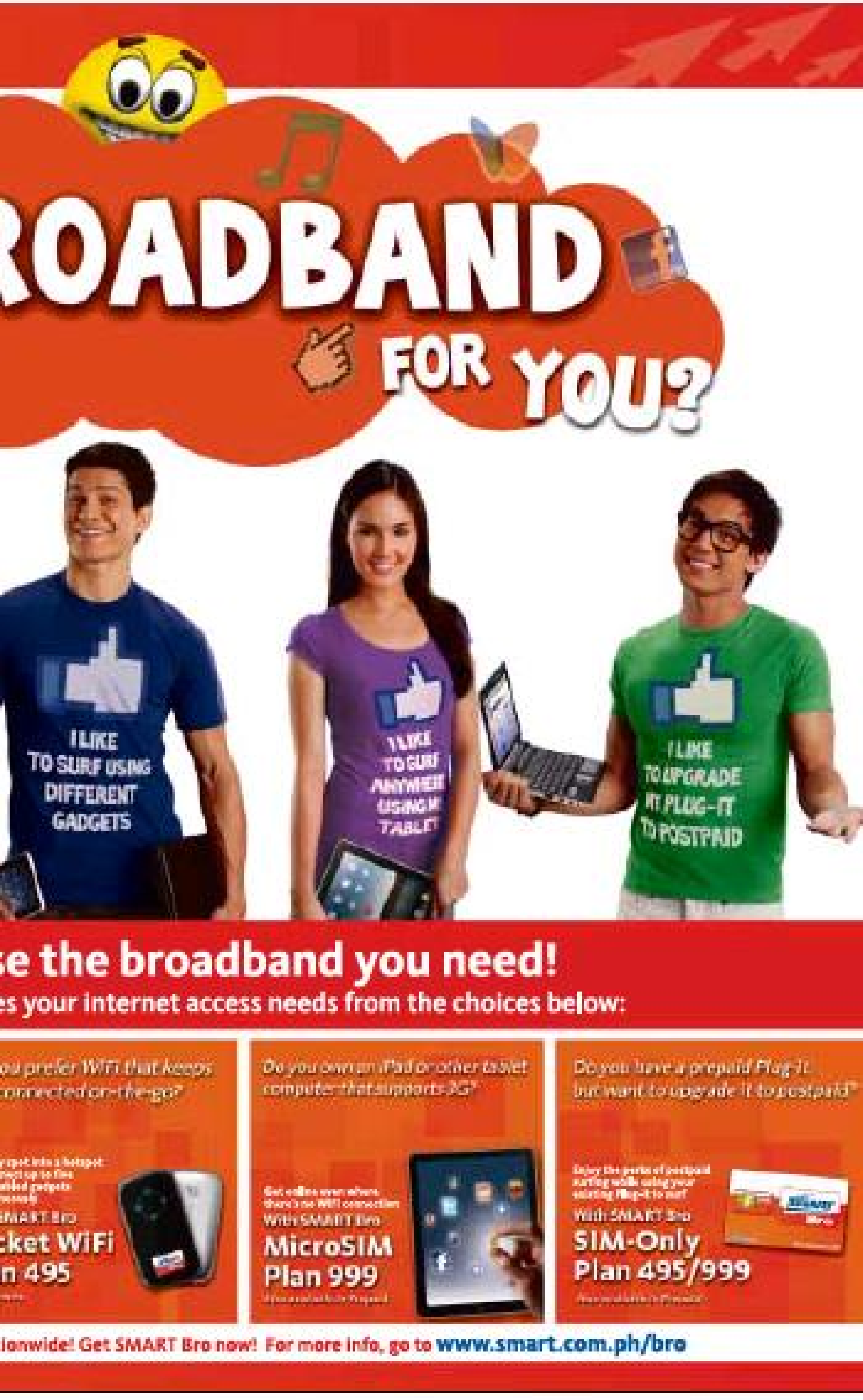
"However they mask it, their operation will still gear toward quelling rebellion and primarily this they will do through the use of arms. And when soldiers intrude in the communities, violations of human rights follow," he said.

Zarate said it was not even the business of the military to deliver basic services to neglected communities.

"This government never seemed to learn from the unforgiving lessons of history. The only solution to curbing rebellion is by coming up with sustainable forms of development for the people—uprooting the real cause of poverty that remains to be the primary problem of the people in the countryside," he said.

> 'The Army is here to protect them from being attacked...'


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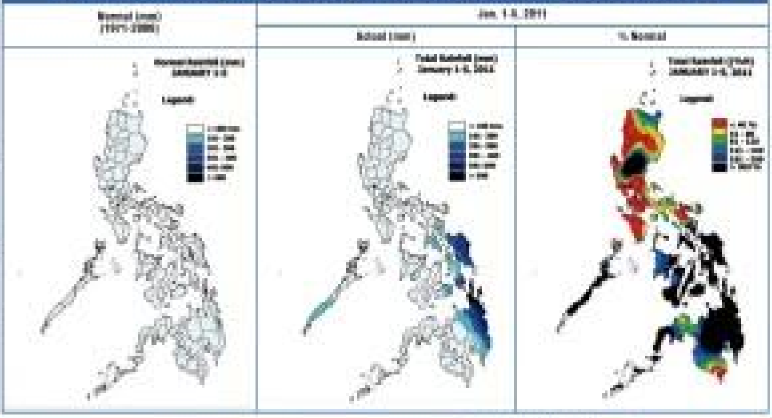
Making sense of the weather

By Graciano P. Yumul Jr. and Nathaniel T. Servando

A COMBINATION of the northeast monsoon, tail end of the cold front, La Niña and global warming is spawning rains more heavy than usual in the eastern section of the country—from Southern Luzon and the Visayas to Mindanao—over the past weeks.

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Rainfall measurements: 30-year average, first five days of 2011, deviation from normal



Minimum temperature in Baguio City (Dec. 23, 2010 - Jan. 5, 2011)



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More cyclones expected

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Low water levels

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Daily rainfall (Jan. 1-5) in E. Visayas, Caraga

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Why Pinoys are dancing devotees



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HAIL TO THE 'CHILD KING'

Fondness for children

First gift

Hymns to the Child Jesus

Pilgrim vessel runs aground

Back to the Basilica

Grand finale today

Out-of-town contingents

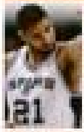
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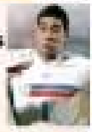


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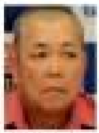


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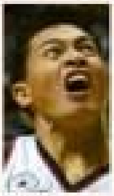


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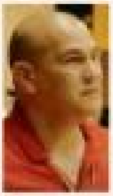
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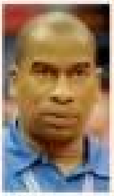
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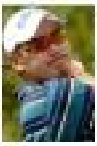
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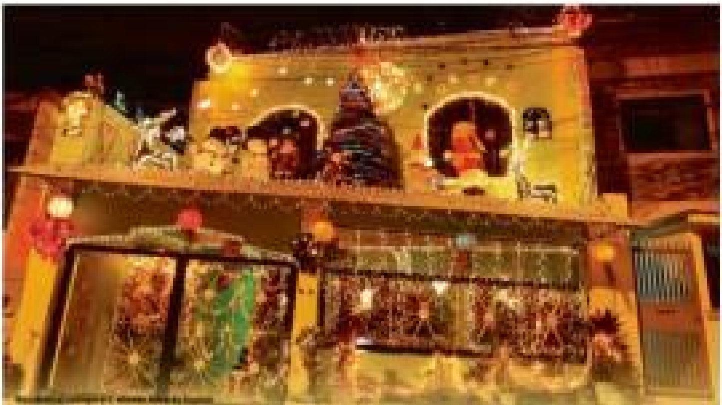
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Different meeting place?

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The best-lit homes share the light of hope with the less privileged

Meralco's annual decor contest benefits outreach for the youth

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CBD category winner: Ayala Land Makati

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Several women act to become city bus drivers

By Tina G. Santos

Not aggressive

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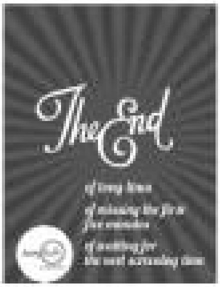
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Makati condo folk set terms for return

By Tina G. Santos







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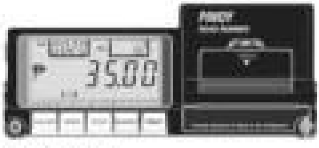
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4 women hunted over gift-bomb case

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On-cam killer's GF posts bail, is freed



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Travails of PH passport holders

After 18 years of humiliating experiences at immigration queues at the airports of the world, I caved in... and applied for a British passport.



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REAGAN

Belarus accuses Poland, Germany of takeover plot

MOSCOW—Belarus accused Poland and Germany on Friday of plotting to overthrow President Aleksandr G. Lukashenko and impose a puppet government with the aid of paid provocateurs from the Belarussian opposition.

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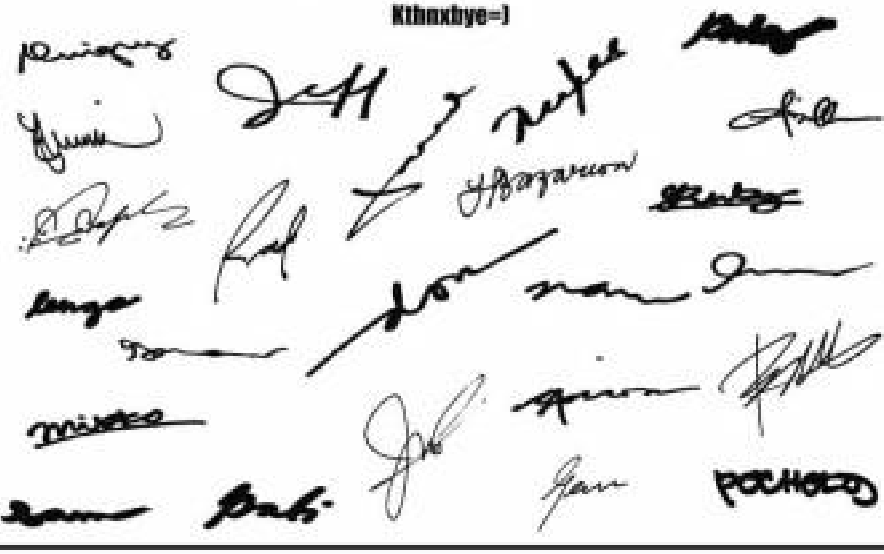
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Forever na lang ba kaming load nang load.
Pwede bang pahinga naman?
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Pwede?

Kthnxbye=)



Business Features Editor: Margie Quimpo-Espino

Sunday BIZ



MYPHONE links up Filipinos like no other brand can.

Pinoy phone holds own with sales of ₱2B

By Raquel F. Gomez

THREE YEARS AGO, David Lim expanded the Solid Group Inc., the company put up by his entrepreneur mom Elena Sen Lim, by establishing MyPhone, a brand of affordable mobile phones targeting the lower-income market.

Priced substantially low, the MyPhone phones back then were almost identical with the generic looking Chinese-made phones sold cheap in Greenhills shops, but soon they were equipped with a brand and features, own apps and content that are Pinoy Filipino culture and faith, they soon became a hit to the masses.

One MyPhone device was called the "Cory Aquino" phone

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Iconic Filipino images stamped on the back of a mobile phone.

Lexus Commemorates Two Years on Local Shores

This January, Lexus Manila Inc., the exclusive distributor of Lexus vehicles in the country, marked its second year of doing business in the Philippine luxury automotive scene. Since its brand debut in January 2009, it did not take long for Lexus Manila to make good on the promise of Lexus' global reputation of impeccable quality and unrivaled customer satisfaction.

During its second year of full operations, Lexus Manila has responded to market trends by offering its customers a fresh option of luxury cars throughout its line-up. The best-selling RX350 luxury cross-over and the elegant ES350 luxury midsize sedan were complemented by the 4th quarter introduction of the first full-hybrid luxury performance vehicles in the country, the RX450h hybrid crossover and the LS600hL hybrid limousine. Both powered by the innovative Lexus Hybrid Drive, Lexus hybrid vehicles usher a new era of hybrid-boosted performance mated to hybrid eco-responsibility. Lexus full-hybrid luxury vehicles give more to the driver and take less from the world.

In addition to the introduction of the Lexus Hybrid lineup, Lexus adhered to its customer-first philosophy throughout the year, offering its customers premium services that helped them make the most of every moment while exclusive events, such as the first Lexus Invitational Golf Tournament, further emphasized a new blend of progressive luxury that Lexus espouses for its clientele.

In celebration of the two years of Lexus operations, Lexus Manila will have special packages and offers available for customers from the 11th to the 16th of January, 2011.

For more information, visit the Lexus Manila, Inc. showroom at 3402 8th Ave. cor. 34th St. in Fort Bonifacio, Global City, Taguig City or call (02) 856-5050 to set an appointment.

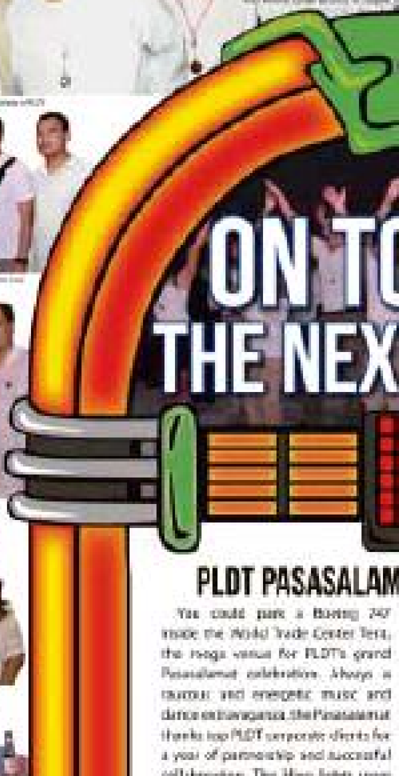












ON TO THE NEX

PLDT PASASALAM

You could park a Boeing 747 inside the World Trade Center Tent, the mega venue for PLDT's grand Pasasalamat celebration. Always a raucous and energetic music and dance extravaganza, the Pasasalamat thanks top PLDT corporate clients for a year of partnership and successful collaboration. The klieg lights were once more on the Philippines' top executives and corporate officers, who walked the red carpet in simple yet elegant white and khaki. They came not just to witness this spectacular annual event, but also to be part of one of the most awaited corporate celebrations of the year.

Every year, it becomes more and more evident that the close camaraderie between PLDT and their partner companies isn't confined to a conference room's four corners. As was evident by the overwhelming attendance as well as the warm interaction between PLDT representatives and their clients at any of the WTC Tent's massive bars and all-night buffet spreads, there is an almost tangible air of positivity and trust. These are the valuable results of an early emphasis on genuine client relationships long undertaken











...AT MANILA 2010

by PLDT's Corporate Business Group.

The Pasasalamat Night just keeps getting bigger and better each year with even more reasons to celebrate for PLDT. This celebration caps the past decade, with an even more hopeful and optimistic 10 years ahead for everybody.

The entertainment for that evening showcased outstanding performances by today's top bands—Authority, Highway 54 and Hypebeat. They played a mix of music from the 80s up to the 90s, mixed in with the latest pop hits keeping the dance floor busy all night. Guest host Tuesday Vargas, who also anchored the Pasasalamat 2009, kept the party alive and bubbly with her wit and good humor.

Of course everybody was also at Pasasalamat 2010 for the prizes. Up for grabs were several Sanyo 24" TVs, LG 32" and 42" TVs, and iPads. And of course, everyone had their eye on the Chevy Cruze, the grand prize.

Pasasalamat Manila 2010 marked not only a year but also a decade of prosperous business for PLDT and all its valued partners. It's a thanksgiving that also always looks forward, and this year there's so much more to look forward to.





Sunday Biz



Farmers strive to save food











Pinoy phone holds own . . .



Lim

'It was a simple phone that everybody laughed at . . . But the market embraced the phones'

DMCI Homes bolsters growth prospects through tie-up with investments company



Engineer hooked on local labor pursues sunshine industry



COCONET. Dominador Escoro Jr. used to stabilize soil and mountain slopes. Now, he pursues the production of coconet, hoping to provide employment for villagers, allowing them to make money from wastes of coconut farmers.



WOMEN POWER. Coconet production enables female workers to participate in several work phases.

By Juan Escandor Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

GUBAT, SORSOGON—Dominador Escoro Jr., 49, a mechanical engineer, finds fulfillment in employing as many villagers as possible and making money out of waste products of coconut farmers.

Escoro says he pursues the production of coconet, a coir mat made of coconut coir utilized to stabilize the soil and vegetation, because his father is proud of him since he employs villagers in his plant in Barangay Rizal here.

Turning point

While working in a nail factory in Metro Manila as supervisor in his early 20s, Escoro was able to cut the manpower requirement of the factory by 30 percent by integrating the process of gradual stretching of iron rods, which become nails.

Coming home to this town for a vacation, he was full of enthusiasm to tell his father, also a mechanical engineer, about his achievement.

"I told him about it while we were eating, but he scornfully said to my story. Then here, my father related that somebody I knew made good by recruiting many people to work in an enterprise he was in," Escoro says.

He figured out that his father was not happy with the result of his work, which consequently deprived many people of their jobs.

His priest-brother convinced him to leave the factory and make use of his own talent and skills to build his own enterprise.

Heeding his priest-brother, Escoro put up the coconet plant.

But he was discouraged by some people in the government who told him the coconet venture was not viable and encouraged him instead to produce virgin coconut oil (VCO).

Despite the discouragement, he pursued his plan to put up a coconet factory together with the production of VCO in the summer of 2005.

Down, up

The venture had started to peak up until supertyphoons "Reming" and "Milenyo" ravaged his factory in late 2006.

"Everything here was flattened but several of my machines were still functional. It took me about two years to rebuild my factory. I marveled that I could not recover if I would not operate," Escoro enthuses.

He says he was able to secure loan from a cooperative to restart his disabled coconet plant in 2008.

It now gives employment to 71 villagers.

Escoro says 60 families from three villages are also participating through home-based production of twines made of coconut coir which are bought at P0.25 per hank, a unit of twined coco coir that is 11 meters long.

He discloses that each family can produce 140 to 170 hanks a day.

The hanks are the strands woven into an oversized handloom operated by three laborers to make a one-meter by 50-meter coconet roll.

Escoro says they produce three kinds of mesh sizes wherein the higher the industrial value of the coconet the higher the density. These come in 400, 700 and 900 strands per square meter.

Earnings

Rodeno Madrilejos, a weaver, says he can earn an average of P225 a day finishing three rolls in a day together with another weaver and a person who unfolds and stretches the hanks feed on the loom.

Escoro says they gather the raw materials, that is, coconut husks, within the 20-km radius of the coconut plant. These are processed by first removing the outer layer of the coconut husks and drain to get the fiber.

The coconut husks go through a decorticating machine conveyed from a water-medium conveyor system that he designed to eliminate dust pollution.

The decorticated coconut coir or fiber is made into twine using mechanical twisting device to make the hanks, which are then further used by the weavers to make the coconet as

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The closer

A LEADER'S WAY

John C. Maxwell



Distractions abound in life, and leaders must find a way to hold their concentration through to the end

1) Preparation

2) Focus

3) Mental Toughness

Summary

Another look at the new Philippine banknotes



YOU ARE WHAT YOU SPEND: The Philippine currency in all denominations.

Events that stir up pride and patrimony will have greater and lasting impact when featured in currency

Coat-of-Arms

Media highlights, public outcry

The country must make its banknotes into repositories of national treasures and jewels it has been blessed with

Some more criticisms

Great features

Banknotes and nationalism

Other banknote series

Sterling Bank of Asia celebrates with a heart

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Making a difference

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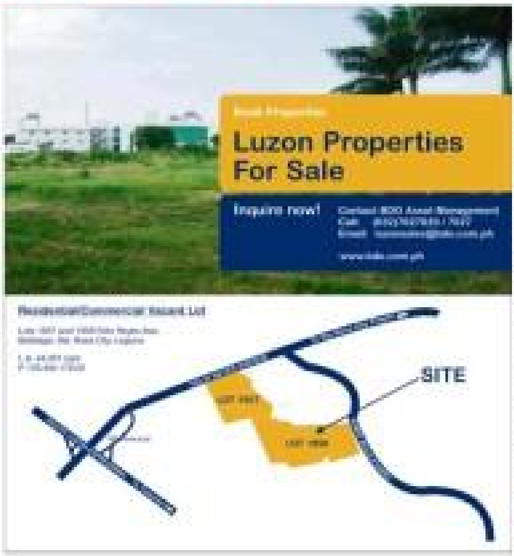
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Sunday Biz

PH buyers embrace 'eco-ethical' lifestyle

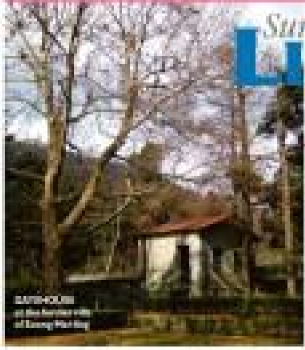




Rags2Riches manifesto



Sunday LifeStyle Travel



Lushan, China—where Pearl S. Buck found the good earth

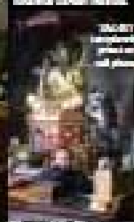
From here, apparently, came the seeds of the plant that would end up a metaphor for another country—the kiwi

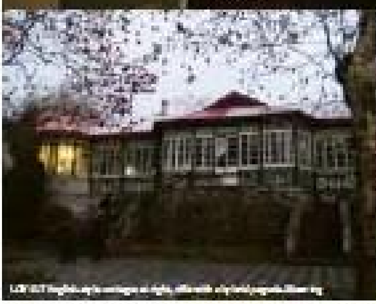
SPENDING SUMMER vacations on a tranquil farm in Negros, I whiled away hours reading the books my mother had stocked our library with.

Lushan, China–where Pearl S. Buck found the go













'Surrender' is my word for 2011–what's yours?

ROOTS AND WINGS

Cathy Cruise-Gutierrez



> When we embrace vulnerability, we live authentically

You are not your

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Mucor

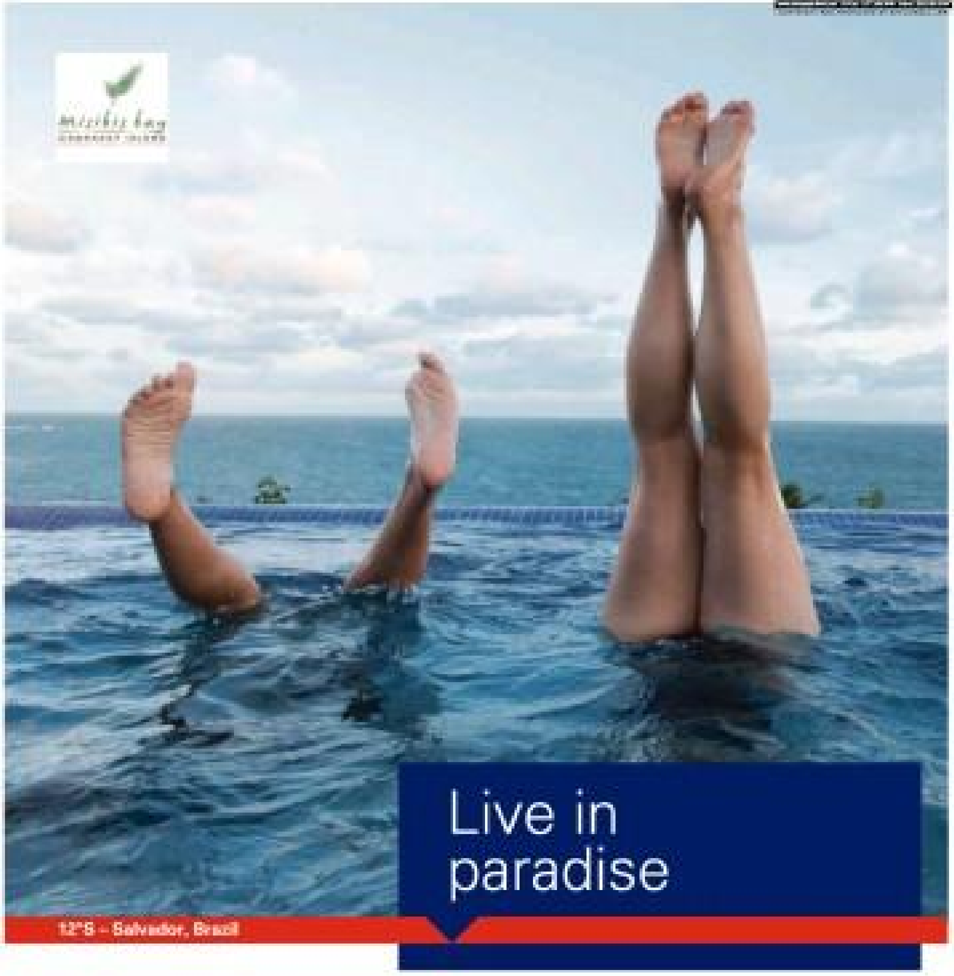


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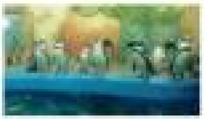


Our white family Christmas in Korea

Koreans love the night life—there were more people on the ski slopes at 2 a.m. than at 10 a.m.!



TESSA!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes









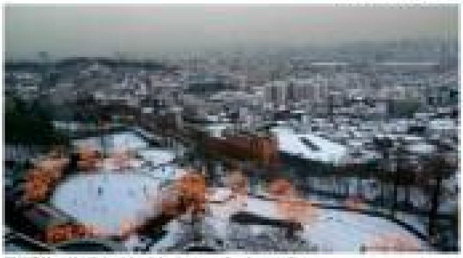






Our white family Christmas in Korea











PLAYFUL Dugong in the Ocean Kingdom at COEX Aquarium

Our white family Christmas in Korea





It's time to honor the Santo Niño again

AS IT HAPPENS every January, Cebu is in the midst of its solemn celebrations in honor of the Santo Niño.



CEBU CEBU

A special 'Sinulog'

Nationwide celebrations honor the Santo Niño

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang



Healing Mass

Fundraising concert to restore Batanes Cathedral features renowned performers

Sto. Niño de Cebu



More on Santo Niño

Testimonies of healing

Concert for Batanes Cathedral

Great deals this January





LIFESTYLE Travel

From dolphin sightings to dune buggy rides: Getting hooked on Bohol

It's lights out at 9 p.m., but that's how people like this beautiful island, where adventures await down in the water as well as up in the mountains



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The trilogy follows the exciting heroine Katniss Everdeen as she navigates life in a post-apocalyptic world, where a government called the Capitol has risen after a series of catastrophes. She is forced to participate in the annual Hunger Games competition, a reality TV game of survival that has one goal: to kill or be killed.

Promo runs from Dec. 25, 2010 to Jan. 25, 2011 only. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 8228 Series of 2010.



Hunger Games Bookmark

New Titles This Month



Tick Tock



Last Night in Twisted River

National Book Store ushers in these exciting titles to signal the start of another great year for bibliophiles!

From the no. 1 bestselling thriller author in the world comes Tick Tock (P549), James Patterson's newest novel about New York City detective Michael Bennett as he tries to solve another terrifying mystery. Co-authored by Michael Ledwidge, Patterson's newest novel is touted as the most volatile and most explosive title in the series to date.

The Last Night in Twisted River (P378) by accomplished storyteller John Irving is an intergenerational tale of a father and son who was forced to become fugitives after they commit an inadvertent crime.

Soon to be a major motion picture from the director of Twilight, Red Riding Hood (P399) by Sarah Blakley-Cartwright provides a modern and haunting twist to the classic fairytale.

I Am Number Four (P395) by Pittacus Lore is the thrilling launch of a series about an exceptional group of teens as they struggle to outrun their past, discover their future and live a normal life on Earth.

As William and Kate's long anticipated wedding finally approaches, journalist and #1 New York Times bestselling author Christopher Andersen reveals the intimate details of their celebrated courtship and offers a fascinating glimpse of the man and wife-and future king and queen-they will become in William and Kate: A Royal Love Story (P995).

Pop culture phenom Justin Bieber releases his new book First Step 2 Forever (P795) recalling his rise from small-town schooling, YouTube star, to multi-platinum recording artist.

All books are available at National Book Store branches or www.nationalbookstore.com.



Red Riding Hood



William and Kate



First Step 2 Forever

WIN BACK YOUR MACBOOK RAFFLE PROMO

Get a chance to win back your Macbook laptop when you purchase it at any Work Station branch from December 11, 2010 to January 21, 2011 - in full value! Promo is valid for all Macbook laptop models only.

Work Station is located inside National Book Store in Glorietta 5, SM Cubao and SM San Pablo. It also has two stand alone stores in Glorietta 1 and Market! Market!

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 8085 Series of 2010.

FREE STORAGE BOX IN NATIONAL BOOK STORE'S TIME TO ORGANIZE PROMO

Start the year right with National Book Store's Time to Organize promo! Customers can get a free storage box for every P750 purchase of school and office products.

Promo runs from January 14 to February 13, 2011. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 3084 Series of 2011.



Storage Box



Hans Schoof's son Chris is keeping the business in the family



Like father, like son





From dolphin sightings to dune buggy rides: Getting hooked on Bohol







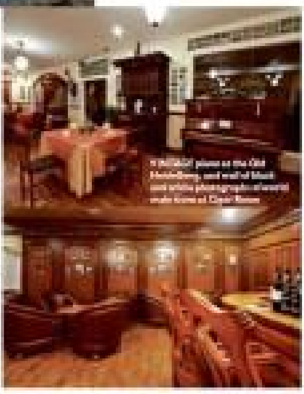


Steel cage









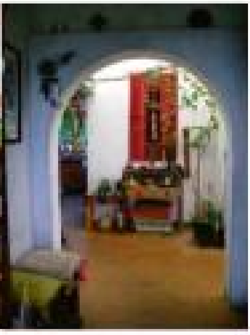
We were hooked.

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The only daughter of Gemma Cruz-Araneta lives with her kids in the hinterlands, sans amenities, including electricity and ref

Fatimah at the crossroads in Mexico

Text and photos by Missy M. Carballo

Contributor

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ATE last year in October, Mexico-based Marlon Pedregosa and I went for an overnight visit with Fatimah Araneta who lived with her own children in isolation with nature.

Madonna, Black Christ





Fatimah at the crossroads in Mexico





ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD

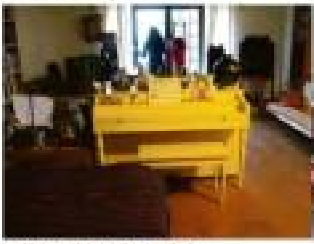
Sunday Crossword

PREMIER CROSSWORD / By Frank A. Longo

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Alternative life





In Wellness and in Health

Kris trusts only one brand









In Wellness and in Health

How to lose 10 pounds in a week

Source: http://www.howtoloseweighthealthy.com/

Weight loss is a big problem for a big percentage of people and for proper results you need to follow a healthy diet based on natural weight loss methods. There are cases though that you need to adopt rapid measures in order to lose weight fast. Here, we explain what you can do if you want to lose 10 pounds in a week. For sure losing 10 pounds in a week is not the healthiest thing to do but you can give it a try and see how much weight you can lose and also assess how easy or hard is the whole process.

Get Ready

Before beginning this 7 day challenge ensure that your body and state of health is capable for this. Do not start without first consulting your doctor. Fast weight loss can sometimes create other problems to your health and this is highly undesirable.

Make a jump start

To begin your difficult journey you need a jump start. What you can do at day 1 is to follow a very strict diet that will help you get into the mood of fast weight loss. You can eat a good breakfast with cereals and low-fat milk and then during the day you can only eat a couple of fruits and a low-fat yogurt at night. Drink a lot of water and green tea. Remember that you will do this for only one day and not more.

Less is more

For the rest of the days what you will do is try to limit the number of calories you consume through food. A good way to achieve this is by eating half the size of the food portions and by drinking lots of water. Water will keep your stomach full and away from calories. Do not skip meals and then eat more. The correct way to approach weight loss is by eating small meals every 3-4 hours.

No more snacks

You need to understand that to lose 10 pounds in a week you will have to dramatically reduce the calories you consume on a daily basis. So, for the next weeks you should completely forget about soft drinks, sweets, chocolates, snacks, dairy products, canned food, processed food, junk food and fried food. You should also limit the consumption of carbohydrates and proteins. What you are encouraged to eat is apples and oranges, green vegetables, fish, white meat and salads with no dressings.





Breakfast is a must

As we said above, breakfast is a must and should not be neglected, while dinner is obsolete for the next 7 days. Start your day 1 hour earlier than you are used to. Spend 10 minutes doing stretching exercises to wake up all your muscles and then walk for 20 minutes (if you can also run this is much better). Get back to the house, do a quick shower and then eat a good breakfast with cereals and low fat milk. After going home from work, get some rest for half an hour and then exercise for 45 minutes to 1 hour. During this time you can walk, run and do weight lifting exercises. Your goal is to work your muscles and force your body to burn more energy. Do not just perform the exercises; you need to ensure that you push yourself to the limits.



Skip dinner

Dinner for the next 7 days is obsolete. To keep your stomach busy you can drink water and green tea. By skipping dinner you give enough time for your body to burn fat from the fat reserves. This will not only show on the scale but it will also have a positive impact on your appearance as it will help you lose inches. If you find this very difficult to do then go to bed earlier or try to keep your body and mind busy.



To sum up, in order to lose 10 pounds in a week you need to make a lot of sacrifices and you need to adjust your program so that you consume fewer calories while at the same time find ways to burn more. Weight loss programs like this one are only suitable for a very limited amount of days and no more than a couple of weeks. For results that last for a long time you need to adopt healthy weight loss guides and practices; this is by far the best way to lose weight.







ENTERTAINMENT

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Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt lead Golden Globe guest list

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Focus on talent, not on pathetic and melodramatic back stories











Asia's Nightingale Lani Misalucha as first artist to be featured in Resorts World Manila Concert Series



Magic-hour ...

He's back as awards host



Reality bites

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JULIUS Babao

Ricky Davao

Actor

Coco Martin

Actor

Efren Peñaflorida

CNN Hero of the Year/TV host

Karina Sanchez

TV/News anchor



RICKY Davao



EFREN Peñaflorida

Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt lead ...

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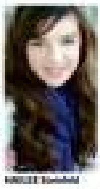
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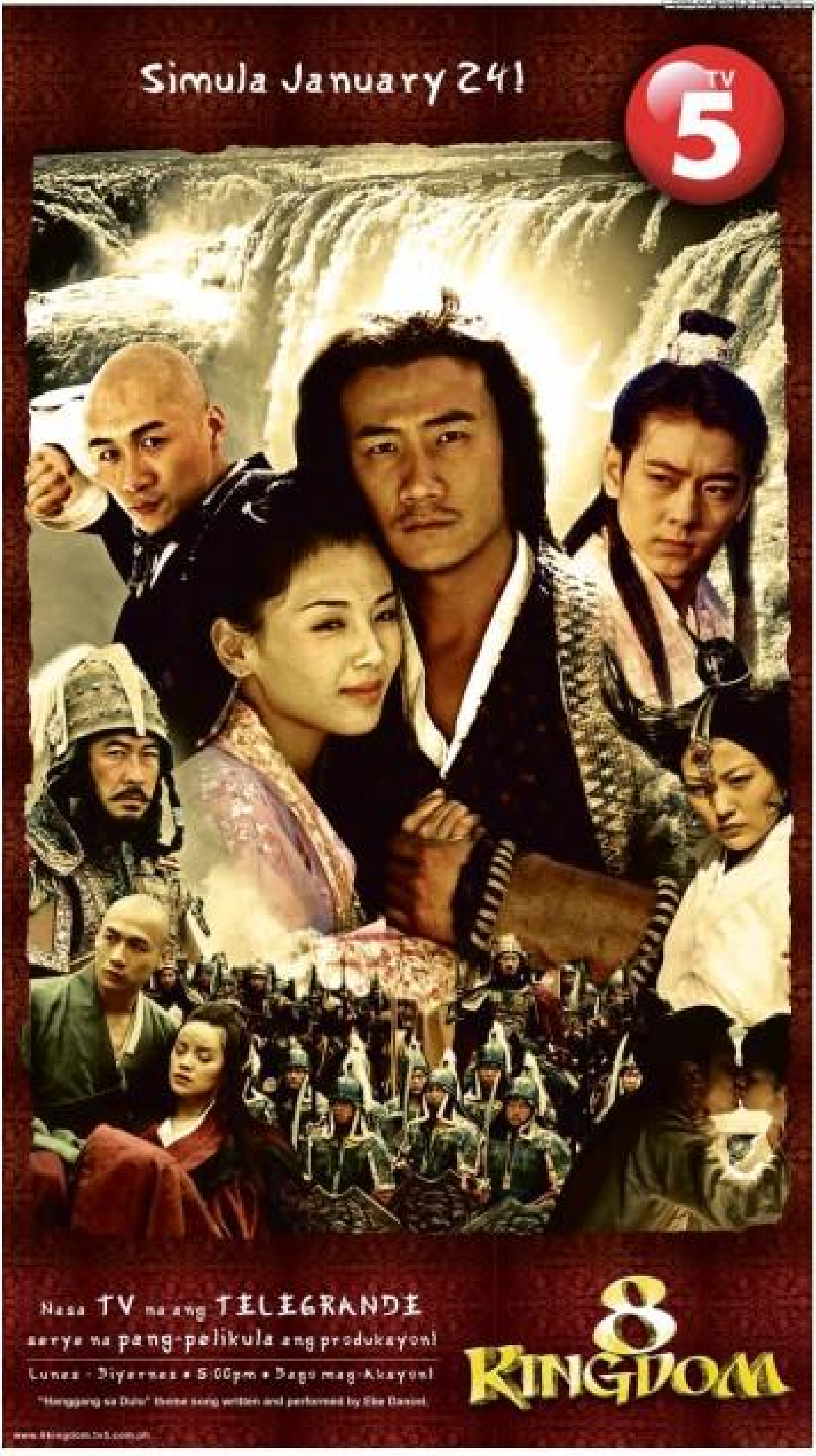
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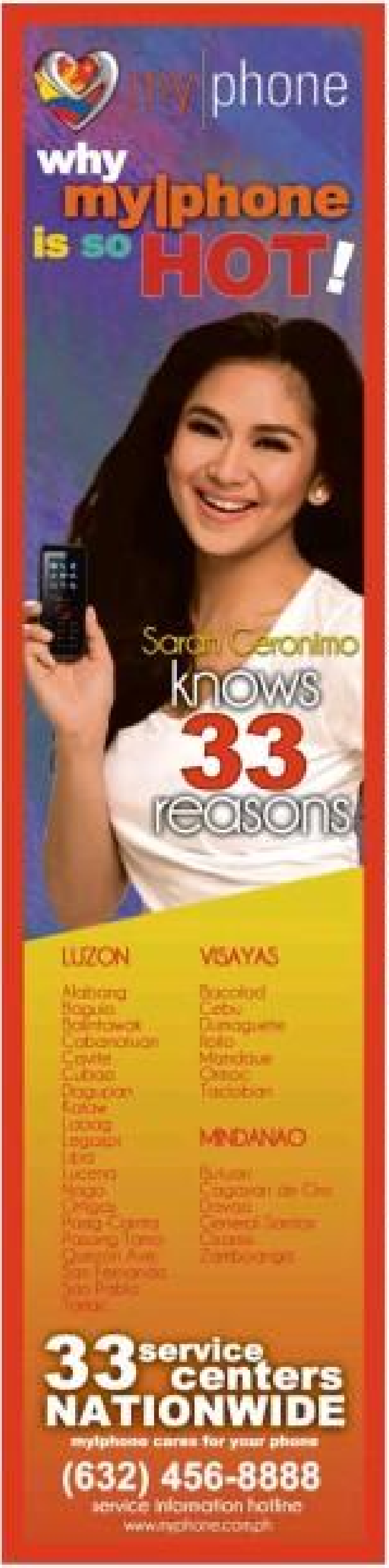
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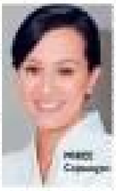


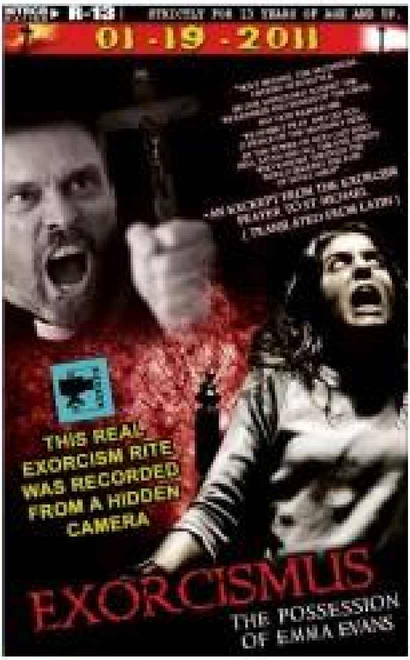
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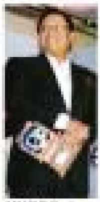












ENTERTAINMENT

Sessionistas not bothered by foreign acts



RHIAN Ramos

By the Entertainment Staff



User-friendly ways



ASAP Sessionistas (from L) Erik, Nina, Aiza Seguerra, Duncan Ramos, Princess Velasco, Juris, Richard Poon

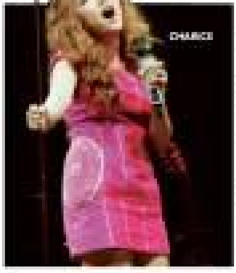
Alice Dixson happy to get back to acting

By Marinel R. Cruz

What do you miss most about show biz?



ALICE Dixson


CHARICE

Sessionistas not bothered...

So much for loyalty


RAYVER Cruz

Admirable devotion

'Better incarnations'

Love talk...


SHARON Cuneta

'Smart, not stupid'

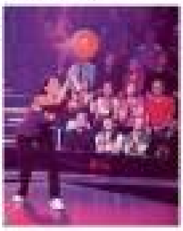
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CRISTINE Reyes


LARA Quigaman


WILLIE Revillame

Solar TV joins the prime time battle royale





TOP CHEF Guy Fieri hosts the game show "Minute to Win It."

Alice Dixson happy to get back to acting

What made you say yes to relocating here?

Tell us about your role.

How was your first day at work?

How do you describe working here now compared to six years ago?

Do you still have dream projects?

How's your life in Canada as Mrs. Ronnie Ramirez?

Who are your showbiz best friends?

Do you watch Pinoy shows in Canada?





"Leaders" respond to import rice price hike



PRESIDENT Uno Obama

YES, THEY'RE really surprised! Just as this office guard and Obama impersonator is! And the surprise is not just about the rising prices of commodities here and there. It's more of the news that Lactum 3+ and 6+ have brought down its prices so low that you can save as much as—yes, you've seen it already!

How can Uno Obama help getting surprised? When basic items in the market like rice, vegetables and medicines are going way beyond mothers' budgets, it's not hard to think that the prices of all other items are increasing, too.

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You see, you're not just panatag on big savings that let you buy more milk and even prepare balanced meals for your child. But the more milk and healthy food you purchase through your savings, you also become even more *panatag* over your child's complete nourishment!

2011 is really a year of surprises. So, watch out for more only from Lactum 3+ and 6+!



	NOON	NGAYON	SAVINGS
Lactum 3+ 1.6Kg	P 782.51	P 690.18	P 92.33
Lactum 3+ 900g	P 446.40	P 407.57	P 38.83
Lactum 6+ 900g	P 430.49	P 393.04	P 37.45
Lactum 3+ 1.2Kg	P 545.74	P 520.09	P 25.65
Lactum 6+ 1.2Kg	P 526.16	P 501.43	P 24.73



GOVERNOR Paquito Pakyaw

Cost of petroleum not likely to go down

No, impersonator Governor Paquito Pakyaw doesn't think so. Besides, the cost of petroleum never really has gone down when we want it to.

But that's okay. At least there's something else that has already decreased in price.

Governor Paquito Pakyaw says, "Kung may alam akong isang bagay, 'yun ay abot-kaya dapat ang complete nourishment. Sa dami ng bata sa Pilipinas na walang makain at undernourished, 'di dapat ipagkait sa kanila ang tamang nutrisyon. *(If there is one thing I know, that is complete nourishment should be affordable. The many children in the Philippines who have nothing to eat and are undernourished should not be deprived of proper nutrition.)*"

When told about the Lactum "Lower Price Big Surprise", the impersonator was delighted. He even began cheering during his photo shoot, "Fight na 'to sa complete nourishment! Siguradong marami nang lilipat sa Lactum 3+ at 6+! *(It's fight with complete nourishment! For sure, many will switch to Lactum 3+ and 6+!)*"

With the significantly lowered price of Lactum 3+ and 6+, even you may find it hard to resist buying more of it.

And why not? You get the same complete nourishment for your child but at an affordable price! Where else can you get that?

Lactum 3+ and 6+ are available in your nearest stores, groceries and supermarkets. So, go ahead! Buy now and take advantage of the "Lower Price Big Surprise"!